

## **Zero-Emission and Plug-in Hybrid Light-Duty Vehicle (Clean Vehicle) Rebate Project Applicant Workshop**

On November 16, 2010, ARB held a Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP) Applicant Workshop to answer questions regarding the FY 2010-11 Clean Vehicle Rebate Project Grant Proposal Solicitation (solicitation). This document provides ARB responses to stakeholder questions at the workshop and received via e-mail before 5 p.m. on November 15, 2010.

Q: It is our understanding that the ARB is requesting a formal ruling from the IRS regarding the issuance of 1099 forms for the CVRP rebates. If the IRS does not provide a ruling by the time the grant is awarded, will the grantee be responsible for issuing 1099 forms?

A: ARB is requesting clarification (not a formal ruling) from the IRS. ARB added that task to the list of Grantee responsibilities because ARB must plan for a scenario in which the issuance of 1099 forms is required.

Q: What is the likelihood that additional funds will become available through the CEC?

A: The California Energy Commission's (CEC) Transportation Committee approved approximately \$2 million in CEC funds for the CVRP; CEC staff must obtain final approval from the Commission. Applicants should assume that CEC funds are part of the project.

Q: If these funds do become available, will they cover the existing eligible vehicles under the CVRP guidelines as well as CEC priority vehicle types? Will the eligible vehicle list be expanded? If so, what type of vehicles will likely be added? (see page 3 of the Grant Solicitation)

A: CEC's priority will be light-duty alternative fuel vehicles such as natural gas and propane. These vehicles are not eligible under the current rebate project, so the eligible vehicle list will need to be expanded. Similar to the current project, the State will be responsible for developing the list of alternative fuel vehicles and rebate amounts which will be reflected in updates to the project's Implementation Manual. The Grantee will be responsible to work with CEC and ARB to update the Implementation Manual and help define administrative procedures.

Q: Is \$2 million going to be the maximum amount of funding provided by CEC?

A: This funding amount is not a cap, but rather the proposal that CEC staff is recommending for Commission approval.

Q: Would alternative fuel vehicles be added "midstream" to the eligible vehicle list or at the start of the FY 2010-11 project?

A: An Interagency Agreement between CEC and ARB must be finalized before alternative fuel vehicles can be available for rebates. Neither agency wants to delay launch of the FY 2010-11 project if the Interagency Agreement is not yet finalized, so it

is likely that alternative fuel vehicles will be added to the eligible vehicle list after the public launch of the FY 2010-11 project.

Q: Will the rebates for alternative fuel vehicles be on a first-come, first-served basis or will different rules apply? Will funding be apportioned for different types of alternative fuel vehicles?

A: Those details will be developed as part of the updates to the project's Implementation Manual.

Q: Will all vehicles eligible for rebate under the CVRP be below 8,500 pounds (lbs) gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR)?

A: Yes, the FY 2010-11 project is focused only on light-duty vehicles, including alternative fuel vehicles funded through CEC. Commercial zero-emission vehicles (e.g., those at or above 8,501 lbs) have moved to the Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project.